

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1642**

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0111-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Nobohiko NOMURA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1642
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Application No.: 10/765,048	)	Examiner: Brandon J. FETTEROLF
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Filed: January 28, 2004	)	
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For: APOPTOSIS INDUCER AND	)	Confirmation No.: 9606
METHOD OF SCREENING FOR A	)	
SUBSTANCE INHIBITING	)	
ACYLATED HOMOSERINE	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants now reply to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.